

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims associated with this application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (currently amended): A portable roadway comprising:

- a) a support layer having a wire mesh top surface, wherein said wire mesh top surface defines at least one closed gabion, and said support layer comprises~~comprising~~ a plurality of wire mesh gabions, each of said wire mesh gabions having a plurality of compartments, each of said compartments being substantially full of a filler material having a density less than that of water; and
- b) a traffic layer supported by said wire mesh top surface, said traffic layer comprises~~comprising~~ a plurality of panels,~~each of said panels being removably placeable onto~~ placed on said wire mesh top surface, wherein said panels are removeable;

wherein said portable roadway has sufficient strength to support construction vehicle traffic.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein said filler material is expanded polystyrene foam.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein said filler material is encapsulated in a fabric wrapper.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The portable roadway of claim 29, wherein the fabric wrapper is polypropylene yarn.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein said filler material in at least one of said compartments is in the form of a single block.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein at least one of said gabions is a mattress gabion.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein the wire mesh of at least one of said gabions is coated with polyvinylchloride.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein at least one of said panels is selected from the group consisting of wood panels and metal panels.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein at least some of said panels are interlockable with each other.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A portable platform comprising:

- a) a support layer having a wire mesh top surface, wherein said wire mesh top surface defines at least one closed gabion, and said support layer ~~comprises~~comprising a plurality of wire mesh gabions, each of said wire mesh gabions having a plurality of compartments, each of said compartments being substantially full of a filler material having a density less than that of water; and
- b) a traffic layer supported by said wire mesh top surface, said traffic layer ~~comprises~~comprising a plurality of panels, ~~each of said panels being removably placeable onto~~ placed on said wire mesh top surface, wherein said panels are removeable;

wherein said portable platform has sufficient strength to support construction vehicle traffic.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein said filler material is expanded polystyrene foam.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein said filler material is encapsulated in a fabric wrapper.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The portable platform of claim 38, wherein

the fabric wrapper is polypropylene yarn.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein said filler material in at least one of said compartments is in the form of a single block.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein at least one of said gabions is a mattress gabion.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein the wire mesh of at least one of said gabions is coated with polyvinylchloride.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein at least one of said panels is selected from the group consisting of wood panels and metal panels.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein at least some of said panels are interlockable with each other.

Claim 45 (currently amended): A method for constructing a portable roadway or a portable platform comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a support layer having a wire mesh top surface, wherein said wire mesh top surface defines at least one closed gabion, and wherein said support layer comprises a plurality of multi-compartment-wire mesh gabions, each of said wire mesh gabions having a plurality of compartments, each of said compartments being substantially full of a filler material having a density less than that of water; and,
- b) providing a traffic layer supported by said wire mesh top surface, said traffic layer comprises a plurality of movable panels placed on said wire mesh top surface, wherein said panels are removeable;
- ~~c) providing a filler material having a density less than that of water;~~
- ~~d) filling the compartments of at least some of said gabions to substantial fullness with said filler material;~~
- ~~e) assembling said gabions to form a support layer having a top surface; and~~

f) ~~placing said plurality of movable panels onto said top surface to form a traffic layer so that said support layer and said traffic layer interact to form at least one selected from the group consisting of a portable roadway and a portable platform;~~

wherein each said portable roadway and each said portable platform have sufficient strength to support construction vehicle traffic.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The method of claim 45, further comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a fabric wrapper for said filler material;
- b) selecting at least a portion of said filler material to be expanded polystyrene foam; and
- c) encapsulating said expanded polystyrene foam within said fabric wrapper prior to placing said expanded polystyrene foam into one of said compartments.